

The Seneca Village Council held a public hearing on April 17, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present: Timmons, Hamilton, Lamb, Spicer  
Absent: Sears

Mr. Adler Farrell of Integrys Energy discussed the topic of electrical aggregation; topics covered were the plan of operation and governance document including the opt-out procedure, price and terms, enrolling after the opt-out period, billing and duties of the Village. Public was invited to comment on topics covered; after various questions were asked and answered the public hearing portion of the meeting was called to adjourn by Mayor Spicer.

Commissioner Sears arrived at 6:40pm

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the April 17, 2012 Public Hearing is adjourned at 6:46pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Hamilton, Sears, Lamb, Spicer  
Nays: none

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 17, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Timmons, Lamb, Hamilton, Sears, Spicer  
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the April 3, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, Spicer  
Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the March Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills as amended to include bill from S & J Door, Inc. for \$2990.00 with ½ being taken out of Public Property Department and ½ out of the Public Health & Safety Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Sears, Lamb, Hamilton, Spicer  
Nays: none

## Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Dr. Lianne Holloway announced her practice located at 271 Main Street, Seneca for family medicine with a special interest in integrative and holistic medicine. She is currently taking appointments and would welcome any new patients to her practice.

## Communications, Petitions, Reports, Additional Agenda Items & Public Comments:

No public comment presented

Mr. Tom Justice, Chairman of the Plan Commission made an announcement to the Village Council that at the April 11, 2012 Plan Commission meeting a motion was presented to accept the Ellis subdivision plat with recommended changes to plat completed (name of subdivision, change of water easement to utility easement and removal of building sketches from Plat) A Petition for Annexation document was also presented for the Council's approval. It was also noted that the property is located west of Village limits, approximately 18 acres and owned by six members of the Ellis Family including John Ellis, Sandra Ellis, David Ellis, Jenny Ellis, Sylvan Olson and Sara Olson and that there are currently two houses located on the property.

## Old Business:

### Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons introduced Mr. John Vezzetti of Bernardi Securities, Inc. to speak about the proposed bond revision ordinance. Mr. Vezzetti stated that Bernardi Securities, Inc. sold bonds on April 16, 2012 thus replacing the current rate of 4.79% to 2.95% saving the village approximately \$38,000.00. Mr. Vezzetti presented clerk with the bond purchase agreements for Mayor Spicer's signature.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #12-05, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds (sewerage alternate revenue source), series 2012A, general obligation refunding bonds (alternative revenue source), series 2012 B, and general obligation refunding bonds, series 2012C, of the Village of Seneca, Grundy and LaSalle Counties, Illinois, providing the details of such bonds and for applicable alternate revenue sources and the levy of direct annual taxes, as applicable, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, and related matters.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Sears, Hamilton, Spicer

Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer started discussion on the proposed changes to the contractor registration ordinance by the Seneca Plan Commission proposed at the last council meeting. Mayor Spicer asked Mr. Tom Justice, Chairman of Plan Commission for clarification of what the Plan Commission constituted as a minor; Mr. Justice stated that anyone in school would be considered a minor. Commissioner Hamilton stated he disagreed explaining that a minor could work during summer months as a full-time landscaper mowing lawns and therefore would be considered a landscaping business. After discussion, it was the consensus of Village Council to table this agenda item and ask that Plan Commission revisit discussion and clarify the definition of minor.

New Business

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton announced that due to a fire, damage to fencing and total loss to one of the Crotty Park baseball Stuedemann dugouts happened on April 9, 2012 by minors; he stated that an insurance claim has been submitted and Mr. Dave Stuedemann has expressed a desire to rebuild the dugout in memory of his late brother.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that the USDA and IDNR met and reviewed an outbreak of Emerald Ash Borer in LaSalle County, specifically impacting the I & M Canal in the Ottawa & LaSalle/Peru area. He explained that the agencies have determined that a controlled release of parasitic wasp insects will be released to help control the Emerald Ash Borer population, slow the spread and possibly prevent further tree devastation.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that the summer help applicants have been reviewed by Scott Holman, Street Department Supervisor and he chose Andrew Applebee and Travis Koetz to be hired for the 2012 season.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council hires Andrew Applebee as temporary summer employee at a rate of \$9.75 per hour out of the Street Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Sears, Hamilton, Timmons, Spicer  
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council hires Travis Koetz as temporary summer employee at a rate of \$9.50 per hour out of the Street Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Sears, Hamilton, Spicer  
Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the American Disabled Veterans Chapter #86 would like to hold their annual Forget-Me-Not Drive in Seneca at various businesses on April 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> 2012. Mayor also announced that the Village would like to recognize the 2012 Municipal Clerk's Week from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 5, 2012 by Proclamation.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Mayor proclaims April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> as Municipal Clerk's Week.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Sears, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer  
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer reviewed the duties of the Village to adopt the Plan of Operation and Governance of Electrical Aggregation for the Village Residents.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance #12-06 an Ordinance adopting the Plan of Operation and Governance of Electrical Aggregation.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Sears, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer  
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer stated that Chamlin & Associates provided the newly printed 2012 Zoning Map with no additions.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the 2012 Zoning Map.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Lamb, Timmons, Sears, Spicer  
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer stated that by the end of May there will be three Port District Board appointments; additionally one on the 911 Board as well as one on the Plan Commission to renew, he stated that the current appointments have been contacted by letter and if anyone else in the community is interested in being appointed to the positions please contact Village Clerk to submit their name and contact information. The Petition for

Annexation document by the Ellis family for their 18 acre property west of the Village requires an Ordinance to annex the property; it was stated that no specific conditions were asked by the Ellis family.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #12-07, an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, Spicer  
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced that executive session was cancelled.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the April 17, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Sears, Hamilton, Timmons, Spicer  
Nays: none

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk